

Michael O. Leavitt Governor Dianne R. Nielson, Ph.D. Executive Director Don A. Ostler, P.E.

## State of Utah

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

288 North 1460 West P.O. Box 144870 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 (801) 538-6146 (801) 538-6016 Fax (801) 536-4414 T.D.D. www.deq.state.ut.us Web m/035/002 m/035/015

> Water Quality Board Leroy H. Wullstein, Ph.D. Chairman

> > K.C. Shaw, P.E. Vice Chairman

Don A. Ostler, P.E. Executive Secretary

Robert G. Adams
Nan Bunker
Ray M. Child, C.P.A.
John R, Cushing, Mayor
Dianne R. Nielson, Ph.D.
Ronald C. Sims, Ph.D.
Douglas E. Thompson, Mayor
J. Ann Wechsler
William R. Williams

November 4, 1999

Paula H. Doughty, Manager Environmental Compliance Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation 8315 West 3595 South P.O. Box 6001 Magna, Utah 84044-6001 DECEIVE NOV - 9 1999 DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear Ms. Doughty:

Subject: Request to Stockpile Class B Biosolids for Land Reclamation

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the requirements contained in our earlier letter to Kennecott dated August 3, 1999, regarding the management and stockpiling of biosolids.

During the July 28, 1999 meeting we discussed the concern about the potential impact to ground water from long term stockpiling of biosolids. We all agreed that the desired BMP was to minimize the duration of stockpiling. Therefore, we included in management practices listed in our letter to Kennecott dated August 3, 1999, the requirement that the biosolids be incorporated into the soil and seeded every ninety days. We believed this was consistent with Kennecott's ongoing remediation efforts, but have now been informed that this is not the case. Apparently applying the biosolids during the dryer summer months is not conducive to these revegetative efforts. Since the main risk to ground water is from the generation of leachate which should be minimal during the dryer months we acknowledge that the ninety day requirement listed as Number three in the above referenced letter is not essential and no longer required as a BMP provided the other conditions are followed.

We understand that primarily due to economic considerations Kennecott has temporarily suspended or curtailed its use of biosolids. If we can be of assistance as you reassess the use of biosolids for future remediation efforts, please let us know.

November 4, 1999 Page 2

We trust this clarifies our position on this matter and is consistent with our desire to promote the beneficial use of biosolids while ensuring protection of our ground water resources. If you or anyone else have any questions please contact me at 538-6081 or Mark Schmitz at 538-6097.

Sincerely,

Utah Water Quality Board

Don A. Ostler, P.E.

Executive Secretar

DAO:MS:cc

cc: Bob Brobst, EPA Region VIII

Lynn Kunzler, DOGM

Reed Fisher, P.E., Central Valley WRF

Rex Ausburn, P.E., Snyderville Basin SID

John Hays, South Valley WRF

John Adams, Salt Lake City, WRF

Dan Stewart, Magna WRF

Royal Delegge, Salt Lake City/County Health Dept.

MSCHMITZ\WP\DOUGHTY.LTR